GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SEA EROSION IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a)whether the coastal belt of Kerala is severely affected by sea erosions every year causing immense loss to land and wealth of the inhabitants;

(b)if so, whether there is any proposal for sea erosion protection works pending with the Union Govt. for approval; and

(c)if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposal is likely to be given approval?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a)Yes sir, as per the information provided by the Government of Kerala, a part of the coastal belt of Kerala gets severely affected by sea erosion every year.

(b)&(c) Proposals for works related to coastal protection have been received from Government of Kerala from time to time and Government of India has provided necessary assistance in this regard. Twelfth Finance Commission has awarded Rs. 175 crore for coastal zone management under State specific grant for the period 2005-2010 for construction of new sea wall and reformation of the already constructed sea wall. A proposal for external funding for National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP) has also been forwarded to Asisn Development Bank (ADB) by Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) which, inter-alia, includes a component related to Kerala. ADB has approved administering technical assistance to the Government of India for technical study on "Integrated Coastal Management and Related Investment Development". Under the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme, as approved by the Government of India in December 2005, a provision of Rs. 432.18 crore has also been made for the period 200 5-06 to 2008-09 for the Environment and Coastal Protection measure in the State.